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RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

THE BUDGET AND FINANCES OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

26th, September, 1960.

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents 3987, 3991 and 4052.

1. The CHAIRMAN stated that he regretted to have to remind the Committee of the recommendation set out in paragraph 2 of COCOM Document 3991, to the effect that cash contributions should be paid quarterly in advance from the 1st July 1960 onwards. It would appear that some contributions were still outstanding and he would urge delegations to do their utmost to comply with the above recommendation.
2. The Chairman explained that he had called a meeting of the Budget Working Group during the previous week with a view to discussing financial prospects for the rest of the year 1960 and to study his own financial suggestions for the future. The Group had also discussed general principles and were in the process of drafting a budget which would be submitted to the Committee for approval. The Chairman recalled that the Working Group had been established for a special purpose and had been given specific terms of reference (paragraph 11 of COCOM Document 3987). He would therefore ask the Committee to renew the terms of reference of this Group, to reconfirm its membership, and to nominate new members, if they so desired. In this connexion he recalled that the Working Group consisted of the French, German, United Kingdom and United States Delegates under his own chairmanship.
3. The ITALIAN Delegate stated that, on the understanding that the Working Group was open to any delegation wishing to participate therein, he was prepared to support the Chairman's suggestion to reconfirm the present membership. In addition he would like to suggest the nomination of the Norwegian Delegate.
4. The FRENCH Delegate was likewise ready to support the Chairman's proposal as to the membership of the Budget Working Group, and also to second his Italian colleague's suggestion to appoint the Norwegian Delegate to the Group, in view of the fact, inter alia, that Norway was the owner of the premises in which the Committee was now housed.
5. The GERMAN Delegate agreed with the suggestions made. He noted that the Budget Working Group was obviously open to all delegations, the only difference being that the members appointed by the Committee were supposed to attend all meetings of the Group. He furthermore strongly endorsed the Chairman's request for payment of contributions which were overdue, and hoped that they would be forthcoming in the very near future.
6. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate supported the statements made by the Chairman and the French, German and Italian Delegates. He was in favour of the Italian suggestion to nominate the Norwegian Delegate, since he represented the interests of the country owning the Committee's premises.

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7. The UNITED STATES Delegate felt it would be appropriate to enlarge the scope of the Budget Working Group at the present time. He himself would be happy to continue to participate if the Committee so wished, and found the nomination of the Norwegian Delegate to be logical and highly desirable. He too would repeat that any delegation was free to attend the meetings held by the Group. In conclusion, the Delegate took the opportunity to add his support to the statements already made on the need to request Member Governments to keep their contributions up to date.

8. At the request of the Chairman, the COMMITTEE agreed that a Budget Working Group consisting of the French, German, Norwegian, United Kingdom and United States Delegates should be appointed to discuss budgetary and financial matters.

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